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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

FEATURED IN THE VIETNAM REPORT IS THE RAID ON THANH HOA, AND THE REPORT THAT AN ARVN RELIEF FORCE FOR AN LOC HAS TURNED BACK. (A-1)

IN HIS REPORT ON THE SALT TALKS, MICHAEL GETLER SAYS THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A NEW COMPROMISE SOLUTION MAY BE EVOLVING ON THE QUESTION OF HOW TO LIMIT ARM DEFENSIVE NETWORKS IN EACH COUNTRY. (A-2)

CORRESPONDENT ROBERT KAISER BELIEVES THAT THE U.S.-SOVIET MARITIME PACT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS A DIPLOMATIC SIGNAL THAT EVENTS IN VIETNAM WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. (A-2)

ANTIWAR PROTESTS WERE DESCRIBED AS MILD, BUT WIDESPREAD. (A-3)

USIA'S BUDGET AUTHORIZATION FOR NEXT YEAR HAS BEEN CUT BY NEARLY A FOURTH BECAUSE IT REFUSED, ON DIRECT ORDER FROM THE PRESIDENT, TO GIVE PLANNING INFORMATION TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. (A-4)

THE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE DEMONSTRATED THAT HANOI HAS GIVEN UP ITS RELIANCE ON THE 1954 GENEVA ACCORDS TO JUSTIFY ITS ACTIONS, ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT EXPERTS ON VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST AFFAIRS, DOUGLAS PIKE. (A-12)

CONGRESSWOMEN MINK AND ABzug MET WITH MRS. BINH YESTERDAY. THE MEETINGS WERE DESCRIBED AS FRUITFUL DISCUSSION IN TERMS OF ENLARGING UNDERSTANDING OF THE WHOLE PROBLEM. (A-13)

STANLEY KARNOW WRITES THAT THE MINEING OF HAIPHONG HARBOR IS NETTLING THE SOVIETS AND THAT SOME MISCALCULATION COULD NOT ONLY JEOPARDIZE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP, BUT ENDANGER U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS IN OTHER WAYS. (A-15)

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WILLIAM WHITE ASKS IF THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO MOSCOW WILL BE WORTH THE JOURNEY IF THE SOVIETS INVOLVE THEMSELVES DEEPLY FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND EVEN FOR THE FARTHER FUTURE. (A-15)

JACK ANDERSON REPORTS THAT A SECRET CIA INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM SAYS THAT PARAGUAY LEADER ALFREDO STROESSNER IS INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL SMUGGLING. NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IS ALSO REPORTED TO BE WIDESPREAD IN PARAGUAY.

#### THE NEW YORK TIMES

ELLEN LENTE WRITES THAT EAST GERMANY APPEARS TO BE RELAXING ITS TERMS FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY, PRESUMABLY IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET WISHES. (A-3)

#### THE BALTIMORE SUN

FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES EMPHASIZE THE BOMBING RAIDS HIT WITHIN 60 MILES OF HANOI YESTERDAY AGAINST MAJOR SUPPLY LINES. IN THE SOUTH, THE PRESS IS CARRYING GAINS FOR THE NORTH VIETNAMESE BY CLAIMING THAT AN ARVN PARATROOPER BATTALION WAS KNOCKED OUT OF ACTION NEAR AN LOC.

IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, MICHAEL PARKS REPORTS THAT SAIGON HAS DROPPED ITS PLANS TO RELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS AT AN LOC. THE RELIEF COLUMN HAS REPORTEDLY DEPLOYED ON BOTH SIDES OF HIGHWAY 13 TO BLOCK ENEMY TROOPS. (A-1)

A NEWS DISPATCH CLAIMS THAT MOSCOW HAS DECIDED TO DOWNGRADE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP FROM A STATE VISIT TO A SUMMIT MEETING IN RETALIATION FOR THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM. (A-2)

JOHN WOODRUFF REPORTS THAT HANOI HAS APPARENTLY LAUNCHED A MASSIVE ARMY RECRUITING PROGRAM AS IT DIGS IN FOR A PROLONGED INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA. (A-2)